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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 269

Introduced by Assembly Member Eng
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Davis, Dymally, and Laird)

February 5, 2007

An act to add Section 1715.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 269, as amended, Eng. Dentists: dental auxiliaries: licensure renewal.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists by the Dental Board of California, and provides for the licensure and regulation of dental auxiliaries by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries. The act requires each licensee to apply to the board or the committee, as appropriate, for license renewal.

This bill would require a licensee, as specified, to report, upon his or her initial licensure and any application for license renewal, information regarding his or her specialty board certification and practice status and would authorize this information to be posted on the board's or the committee's Internet Web site. The bill would authorize a licensee, including a dental auxiliary licensee, to report cultural background and foreign language proficiency in his or her licensure renewal application,

and would require that this information be compiled and reported on the board's or the committee's Internet Web site on or before July 1 of each year. The bill would require the board and the committee to take certain actions to phase in this reporting mechanism by January 1, 2009. *The bill would specify that if the committee ceases to exist its responsibilities pursuant to these provisions be transferred to the successor entity or entities responsible for licensing registered dental hygienists and registered dental assistants.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to determine
- 2 the number of dentists and licensed or registered dental auxiliaries
- 3 with cultural and linguistic competency who are practicing dentistry
- 4 in California.
- 5 (b) Collecting data on dentists and dental auxiliaries serving
- 6 any given area allows for the consistent determination of the areas
- 7 of California that are underserved by dentists and dental auxiliaries
- 8 with cultural or linguistic competency.
- 9 SEC. 2. Section 1715.5 is added to the Business and Professions
- 10 Code, to read:
- 11 1715.5. (a) A licensee shall, upon his or her initial licensure
- 12 and any subsequent application for renewal, report the completion
- 13 of any advanced educational program accredited by the Committee
- 14 on Dental Accreditation in a dental specialty recognized by the
- 15 American Dental Association.
- 16 (b) The licensee shall also report, upon his or her initial licensure
- 17 and any subsequent application for renewal, the practice or
- 18 employment status of the licensee, designated as one of the
- 19 following:
- 20 (1) Full-time practice or employment in a dental practice of 32
- 21 hours per week or more in California. This reporting requirement
- 22 shall also apply to a dental auxiliary licensee.
- 23 (2) Full-time practice or employment in a dental practice outside
- 24 of California.
- 25 (3) Part-time practice or employment in a dental practice for
- 26 less than 32 hours per week in California.

1 (4) Dental administrative employment that does not include
2 direct patient care, as may further be defined by the board.

3 (5) Retired.

4 (6) Other practice or employment status, as may be further
5 defined by the board.

6 (c) Information collected pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be
7 posted on the Internet Web site of the board or the Committee on
8 Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA), as appropriate.

9 (d) (1) A licensee, including a dental auxiliary licensee, may
10 report, in his or her application for renewal, and the board or
11 COMDA, as appropriate shall collect, information regarding the
12 licensee's cultural background and foreign language proficiency.
13 This requirement shall be phased in by January 1, 2009, as provided
14 in paragraph (2).

15 (2) Prior to collecting information beginning on January 1, 2009,
16 pursuant to this subdivision, the board and COMDA shall, on or
17 before the preceding March 1, prepare the survey questions and
18 prepare for a test run of dental students to ensure the efficiency of
19 the data being collected. On or before the preceding July 1, the
20 board and COMDA shall advise their licensees that they are
21 collecting this data before commencing collection of data under
22 this subdivision. On or before the preceding October 1, the board
23 and COMDA shall conduct the test run of dental students and make
24 appropriate changes to the survey questions prior to data collection
25 implementation.

26 (3) Information collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be
27 aggregated on an annual basis, based on categories utilized by the
28 board and COMDA in the collection of the data, into both statewide
29 totals and ZIP Code of primary practice or employment location
30 totals.

31 (4) Aggregated information under this subdivision shall be
32 compiled annually, and reported on the Internet Web site of the
33 board or COMDA, as appropriate, on or before July 1 of each year.

34 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature to utilize moneys in the
35 State Dental Auxiliary Fund to pay any cost incurred by the
36 Committee on Dental Auxiliaries in implementing this section.

37 (f) *If COMDA ceases to exist, the responsibilities placed upon*
38 *it by this section shall be transferred to the successor entity or*

- 1 *entities responsible for licensing registered dental hygienists and*
- 2 *registered dental assistants.*

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